



**"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
GROUP 2638"**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
Ryusuke KAWATE, et al. : EXAMINER: PHAN, H.
SERIAL NO: 09/942,567 :
FILED: AUGUST 31, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2638
FOR: OPTICAL DISTRIBUTION :
NETWORK SYSTEM THAT :
PERFORMS SYSTEM :
SWITCHING ONLY WHEN :
TOTAL OPERATION :
CONDITION IS IMPROVED :

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2006, please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.